Fluffy jumping spider

US terms



Finished size
About 6¼ in (16 cm) from front to back, 6½ in (16.5 cm) across the legs and 3¼ in (8.3 cm) tall

Skill
Intermediate
14 pieces worked in rounds and sewn together.

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook
3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge
20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet, in a spiral.

You will need

Yarn A: teal, the main color	**about 170 yd (155 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: gold, abdomen and leg	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: coral, abdomen	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: cream, eye patch, feeler and the details	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: toy stuffing, a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins, scissors and black plastic eyes with washers, two each of 8 mm and 12 mm.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together, through the front loops only: how is under “Before you start” (UK dc2tog, double cro
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch

Special stitches

bobble: [yarn over, insert hook in the stitch, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through 2 loops] 4 times in the same stitch, yarn over, pull through all 5 loops (United Kingdom: a bobble of 4 trebles). Push it out to the right side. It leaves 1 st for the next round.

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Gauge

20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, in a spiral.

To check it, work a flat circle: 6 sc in a magic ring, then 6 more sc in each round (12, 18, 24, 30, 36). After round 6 it should measure about 2¼ in (5.5 cm) across. The stitches should be tight enough that the stuffing does not show.

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

Before you start

- Every piece is worked in a continuous spiral with the right side facing you: do not join and do not turn. Put the marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up.
- Square brackets hold a repeat; work it as many times as the line says. The number in parentheses is the count at the end of the round.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work round 1 into the loop and pull the tail to close it. Or chain 2 and work round 1 into the first chain.
- Color change: where a line begins "With B," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in B. Cut the old yarn and knot the ends on the wrong side.
- Center line: places on a piece are given by round and by stitches from a center line. It is half way round from where the rounds begin. Mark it with a pin or a scrap of yarn as listed here, run it straight from round 1 to the last round by eye, and count out from it along the round, in stitches and half stitches.
- Head: the center line runs through the middle of stitch 23 of round 10 (45 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- Abdomen: the center line runs between stitches 21 and 22 of round 10 (42 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the toy. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- Running stitches go in and out along a line.
- In every step of putting it together: where a piece meets or overlaps another, sew through both. Where no tail is left or a tail is too short, sew with a new length of the yarn of the piece you are putting on.
- To work sc2tog, put the hook under the front loop only of each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over, pull through both loops, yarn over, pull through 2 loops.
- For a child under three, or a pet, embroider the eyes instead: satin stitch dots of the same size in black yarn (about 2 yd (2 m), 2 m, not in the list above).
- The rounds and stitches are the same for every size; the yarn and the hook make the difference. Lengths in the words (tails, ovals, details) are for Standard, the size written here: for another size multiply them by the number in its line.
- Small: fine (2, sport) yarn, 2.25 mm (B-1) hook, 27 sc and 30 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 4¾ in (12 cm) from front to back, 4¾ in (12 cm) across the legs and 2 3/8 in (6 cm) tall; eyes 6, 9 mm; multiply lengths by 0.74; about 0.74 times the yarn.
- Large: bulky (5, chunky) yarn, 5 mm (H-8) hook, 14 sc and 15.4 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 9 in (23 cm) from front to back, 9¼ in (23.5 cm) across the legs and 4¾ in (12 cm) tall; eyes 11, 17 mm; multiply lengths by 1.4; about 1.4 times the yarn.
- Jumbo: super bulky (6, plush or velvet) yarn, 6.5 mm (K-10½) hook, 11 sc and 12.1 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 11¼ in (28.5 cm) from front to back, 11¾ in (30 cm) across the legs and 6 in (15 cm) tall; eyes 15, 22 mm; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.

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Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sc is double crochet.

Eye patch: make 2

Yarn D, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

Head

Yarn A, teal.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(45 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 11 to 14**	Sc in each st around	**(45 sc)**

A box for each round, 11 to 14: tick them off as you go.

☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14

☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts**] 3 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

Sew on the eye patches now. Lay the two eye patches flat on the head, right side out, the middle of each between rounds 10 and 11, one to each side, 3 stitches from the center line (6 stitches apart). Sew down all 12 stitches of the edge. Then fix the eyes (see Finishing). Then stuff firmly, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail. Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the last 6 stitches, pull it tight to close the hole and bury the end inside.	

Abdomen

Yarns in order of use: C, coral; B, gold; A, teal.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	With B, **[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 9 times**	**(18 sts)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	With A, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 12 times**	**(24 sts)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**bobble in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**	**(36 sts)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 21 times**	**(42 sts)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**bobble in next st, sc in next st**] 21 times**	**(42 sts)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 18 times**	**(36 sts)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
Stuff firmly now, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.		
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail. Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the last 6 stitches, pull it tight to close the hole and bury the end inside.	

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Leg: make 8

Yarns in order of use: A, teal; B, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in each st around	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 6 to 7**	With B, sc in each st around	**(8 sc)**

A box for each round, 6 to 7: tick them off as you go.

☐ 6 ☐ 7

☐ **Rnds 8 to 12**	With A, sc in each st around	**(8 sc)**

A box for each round, 8 to 12: tick them off as you go.

☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12

☐ **Rnd 13**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc in each st around	**(9 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge. Round 1 is the foot end.	

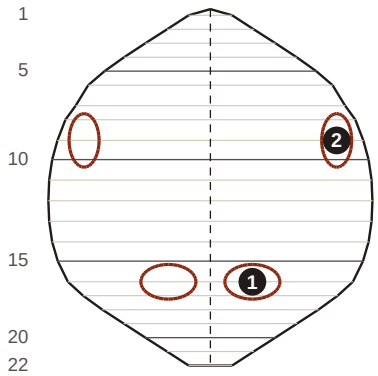
Feeler: make 2

Yarns in order of use: D, cream; A, teal.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in each st around	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	With A, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts	**(8 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Assembly

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Head: 1 feelers, 2 eyes

Each line is a round, counted as the rounds are worked. The upright broken line is the center line. A place with a broken edge is on the far side.

1. Set the abdomen against the back of the head, its center line to the front and round 1 (the coral spot) at the top, and tip it forward a little, so that the coral spot looks up and a little forward. The middle of the place where the two meet is on round 10 of the abdomen, on its center line, and on round 12 of the head, on the line opposite the center line. The underside of the abdomen is then about 5/16 in (8 mm) higher than the underside of the head. Press the two together until they touch over a circle about 1¼ in (3 cm) across: on the head from round 8 to round 15 and 3 stitches to each side of that line. With a new length of A (teal), sew round the circle twice, through the stitches of both.

2. Pin the eight legs round the head, four to each side: the middle of each open edge lies on round 14 of the head (45 sts), and on each side the four are 5, 8½, 12 and 15½ stitches from the center line. The edge of each (9 sts) covers about 3 stitches of the round and about rounds 13 to 15, so that there is a small gap between one leg and the next. They spread like the spokes of a wheel: the first leg of each side points forward and out, the second and the third out to the side, and the fourth out and back. Each goes straight out from the head and a little up, bends at about round 9 of the leg, above the gold rounds, and points down, so that the foot end stands on the table. All eight feet are level, about ¼ in (6 mm) below the underside of the head. Hold each bend with running stitches along its under side, from round 11 to round 7 of the leg, drawn up until the leg keeps its bend. Sew each all the way round with its tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

3. Pin the two feelers to the head: the middle of each open edge lies on round 16, one to each side, 2 stitches from the center line (4 stitches apart). The edge (8 sts) covers about rounds 15 to 17 of the head. They point forward and down. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

Finishing

- Put in the plastic eyes when the words of a piece say so, or embroider eyes in the same places with the other details. Embroider with one strand of yarn and the yarn needle when the pieces round the place are sewn on; begin and end each strand inside the toy. Satin stitch is straight stitches side by side until the shape is filled. Backstitch is a line of short stitches end to end: bring the needle up one stitch ahead, put it down at the end of the stitch before, and repeat.
- Eyes: two 12 mm black plastic eyes, one through each eye patch and the head under it, at the middle of the eye patch; and two 8 mm black plastic eyes, on the head on round 9, one to each side, 6½ stitches from the center line (13 stitches apart).
- Mouth: with D (cream), in backstitch, a smile, one curve about 3/8 in (10 mm) wide that dips 3/16 in (5 mm) below its ends. Its two ends are on the head on round 13, one to each side of the center line.
- Weave every tail through the toy and trim it. For a toy that will be played with, go round each seam a second time with a new length of yarn. Check the seams and small parts from time to time.

In all: 14 pieces; 2,269 stitches (18 in each eye patch, 681 in the head, 576 in the abdomen, 114 in each leg, 32 in each feeler).

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